

CLAIMS

- [c1] 1. A synergy evaluation system comprising:
- an input component for receiving organizational information about an organization, the organizational information including information about the assets of the organization;
- a organization database for storing the organizational information for a plurality of organizations;
- a search component for searching the database for organization information of organizations, the search being based on search parameters specified by a user; and
- a synergy evaluation component for evaluating the organization information found in the search conducted by the search component, wherein the synergy evaluation component identifies a potential synergy between two organizations.
- [c2] 2. The synergy evaluation system of claim 1 further comprising a report generation component for creating a report based on search results, the report including information about the organizations and the potential synergy between two organizations.
- [c3] 3. The synergy evaluation system of claim 1 wherein the input component receives the search parameters from a user.
- [c4] 4. The synergy evaluation system of claim 1 further comprising a report generation component for creating a report based on search results, the report

including information about organizations and potential synergy between two organizations, wherein the report is based on report parameters received by the input component from a user.

[c5] 5. The synergy evaluation system of claim 1 wherein the organizational information includes information about intellectual property owned by an organization.

[c6] 6. The synergy evaluation system of claim 1 wherein the organizational information includes information about facilities owned by an organization.

[c7] 7. The synergy evaluation system of claim 1 wherein the organizational information includes information about technical resources associated with an organization.

[c8] 8. The synergy evaluation system of claim 1 wherein the organizational information includes information about partnerships of an organization.

[c9] 9. The synergy evaluation system of claim 1 wherein the organizational information includes information about assets of an organization.

[c10] 10. The synergy evaluation system of claim 1 wherein the information about the plurality of organizations includes information about certifications associated with an organization.

[c11] 11. A method in a computer system for evaluating synergies between multiple organizations, the method comprising:

receiving organizational information about an organization, the organizational information including information about the assets of the organization;

storing the organizational information for a plurality of organizations;

searching the stored organization information;

evaluating the organizational information found in the search; and

identifying potential synergy between two organizations based on the evaluation of the organizational information.

[c12] 12. The method of claim 11 further comprising generating a report, the report including an indication of the identified potential synergy between two organizations.

[c13] 13. The method of claim 11 further comprising receiving search parameters from a user.

[c14] 14. The method of claim 11 further comprising receiving report parameters from a user.

[c15] 15. A computer-readable medium whose contents cause a computer to search for potential synergy related to multiple organization by a method comprising:

receiving organizational information about an organization, the organizational information including information about the assets of the organization;

storing the organizational information for a plurality of organizations;

searching the stored organizational information;

evaluating the organizational information found in the search; and

identifying potential synergy between two organizations based on the evaluation of the organizational information.

[c16] 16. The computer-readable medium of claim 15 further comprising generating a report, the report including an indication of the identified potential synergy between two organizations.

[c17] 17. The computer-readable medium of claim 15 further comprising receiving search parameters from a user.

[c18] 18. The computer-readable medium of claim 15 further comprising receiving report parameters from a user.

[c19] 19. A synergy evaluation system comprising:

a receiving means for receiving organizational information about an organization, the organizational information including information about the assets of the organization;

a storing means for storing the organizational information for a plurality of organizations;

a searching means for searching the database for organization information of organizations, the search being based on search parameters specified by a user;

a synergy evaluation means for evaluating the organizational information found in the search conducted by the search component; and

a results means for identifying potential synergy between two organizations.

[c20] 20. A computer-readable medium containing a data structure for use by a synergy evaluation system, the data structure comprising:

an indication of organizational information for a first organization, the organizational information including information about assets of the first organization; and

an indication of organizational information for a second organization, the organizational information including information about assets of the second organization.

[c21] 21. The computer-readable medium of claim 20 further comprising an indication of potential synergy between the first organization and the second organization.

[c22] 22. A method in a computer system for evaluating synergies between multiple organizations, the method comprising:

inputting search parameters, wherein the search parameters include information about a desired search, wherein further the search parameters include at least one of an organization name, a keyword, or of a technology;

requesting the desired search;

transmitting the search parameters to a synergy evaluation server; and

receiving search results from the synergy evaluation server.

[c23] 23. The method of claim 22 wherein the search results include an indication of a potential synergy between two organizations to a user.

[c24] 24. The method of claim 22 wherein the search results include information about the assets of an organization.

[c25] 25. A synergy evaluation system on a user computer comprising:

- an input component for receiving search parameters, wherein the search parameters include information about a desired search, wherein further the search parameters include at least one of an organization name, a keyword, or of a technology;
- a transmission component for transmitting the search parameters to a synergy evaluation server;
- a receiving component for receiving search results from the synergy evaluation server; and
- a display component for displaying the search results to a user.

[c26] 26. The synergy evaluation system of claim 25 wherein the search results include an indication of a potential synergy between two organizations to a user.

[c27] 27. The synergy evaluation system of claim 25 wherein the search results include information about the assets of an organization.